



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

February 7, 2001

Andrew Tobias, Treasurer
1996 Democratic National Convention Committee, Inc.
430 South Capitol Street, S.E.
Washington, DC 20003

RE: MUR 5080

Dear Mr. Tobias:

On September 13, 2000, you were notified that the Federal Election Commission (the "Commission") found that there is reason to believe that the 1996 Democratic National Convention Committee, Inc. (the "Convention Committee") and you, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 437. On October 18, 2000, the Convention Committee submitted a response to the Commission's reason to believe finding. After considering the circumstances concerning this matter, the Commission determined on February 2, 2001 to take no further action against the Convention Committee and you, as treasurer, and closed the file in this matter.

The confidentiality provisions at 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12) no longer apply and this matter is now public. In addition, although the complete file must be placed on the public record within 30 days, this could occur at any time following certification of the Commission's vote. If you wish to submit any factual or legal materials to appear on the public record, please do so as soon as possible. While the file may be placed on the public record before receiving your additional materials, any permissible submissions will be added to the public record upon receipt.

The Commission reminds you that the failure of the Convention Committee to report an in-kind contribution is a violation of 2 U.S.C. § 437. The Convention Committee and you, as treasurer, should take steps to ensure that this activity does not occur in the future.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Delbert K. Rigsby".

Delbert K. Rigsby
Attorney